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Client accessing homeless services tests positive for COVID-19
*Southern Nevada Health District works with service agencies to alert staff
and volunteers of potential exposure*

LAS VEGAS – The Southern Nevada Health District received a report of a positive case of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) in an individual who accessed services at Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada and the Homeless Courtyard operated by the City of Las Vegas. The client is a male who reported accessing services at these facilities while he was symptomatic. The individual is currently asymptomatic and no longer considered a risk of exposure to others.

The Health District is working with the agencies to notify appropriate staff, volunteers, and clients of their possible exposure to this individual. They are being provided with information on signs and symptoms to look for, and instructions on what to do if they develop symptoms of COVID-19.

The Health District is emphasizing that those most at risk for COVID-19 include people who have had daily repeated and prolonged exposure. The risk is low for people who had brief contact with an infected individual. People who are asymptomatic can continue to work. Staff and volunteers should assess their symptoms. If anyone develops symptoms, they should not go to work, and they should self-isolate at home. The Health District will work with individuals to coordinate testing.

As a precaution, Catholic Charities is temporarily closing its emergency night shelter for men. The organization is working with the City of Las Vegas and the Health District to identify a temporary site to relocate shelter services. The Health District is working with the agency to ensure the continuing health and safety of its staff, volunteers and clients.

Up to date information on the 2019 Novel Coronavirus is available on the Health District website at <http://www.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/coronavirus>.

Access information about the Southern Nevada Health District on its website: www.SNHD.info. Follow the Health District on Facebook: www.facebook.com/SouthernNevadaHealthDistrict, YouTube: www.youtube.com/SNHealthDistrict, Twitter: www.twitter.com/SNHDinfo, and Instagram: www.instagram.com/southernnevadahealthdistrict/. The Health District is available in Spanish on Twitter: www.twitter.com/TuSNHD. Additional information and data can be accessed through the Healthy Southern Nevada website: www.HealthySouthernNevada.org.

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